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ROBBERS KILL 8 COPS IN KOGI

From ADAMA JOHN,
Lokoja

DARE devil armed robbers operating on highways in Kogi have killed eight policemen within the last 48 hours, *New Nigerian* has learnt.

It was gathered that five policemen including an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), an Inspector and three others from Zamfara State command were attacked on their way to Lagos at Itakpe on the Abuja-Okene highway.

The two officers, a Sergeant and a Corporal were killed on the spot and their uniforms and weapons carted away by the robbers while the only constable among them escaped, with bullet wounds on the thigh.

The constable aided on both sides by policemen, was brought to the Kogi Police command headquarters from where he was taken to the

hospital for medical attention.

Also, four men of the Kogi State Police command (all rank and files) were attacked and killed at Adogo in Ajaokuta Local Government by armed

robbers disguised in complete police uniforms.

It was also gathered that the uniforms and weapons of the policemen were carted away by the robbers who left no

traces.

When *New Nigerian* visited the Kogi Police Command, the State Police Commissioner, Mr John Abakasanga was said not to be ready to talk to the

press on the matter.

Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the command, Mr Ajayi Okasanmi however confirmed the incidents saying, "We are still investigating.

Kaduna: 300 intending pilgrims pay hajj fares —Mukhtar

From SANI ALIYU, Zaria
OVER 3000 intending pilgrims from Kaduna state have nearly paid Hajj fares for the 2011 pilgrimage.

The Executive Secretary Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Board Alhaji Abdullahi Mukhtar disclosed this at the formal launching of the 2011 Hajj payment exercise held at Emir Palace in Zaria said, Kaduna state was allocated 7500 Hajj seats which he said, with the look of things, it will not be enough for the state.

According to him, even if

Kaduna state was allocated with 10000 seats, nothing will stop them from selling them as the demand is increasing daily.

The executive secretary said this year, the board has introduced a new office with the aim of training disable people wishing to perform the Hajj, since they have the means and Islam does not stop them from performing the Hajj.

While appealing to the

Federal Government on the hardship pilgrims encountered particularly by landing at the Medina Airport instead of Jeddah Airport.

The issue of refuse dump, at Minna Camp was another area that Nigerian Government should call Saudi Arabian Authority to take care of the matter in order to avoid the outbreak of disease during the Minna camp.

In his remarks, the Emir of

Zazzau, Alhaji Shehu Idris commended the Executive Secretary's effort in transforming the board to an excellent one since his assumption in office.

Alhaji Shehu Idris advised the secretary to put all his submissions into writing and forward to him for action accordingly.

The emir assured the Board that all the District Heads in the emirate will be informed on all the new policy guiding the guarantorship of intending pilgrims.